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Response To Restriction Requirement With Traverse

This Election is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 23, 2002. Applicant elects with traverse Invention II as identified by the Examiner which includes claims 43-48.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the provisional election of claims 43-48, herein with traverse is responsive to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement of September 23, 2002. Early notification that claims 43-48 are in condition for allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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